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Dear Mr. Jankauskas and Ms. Hartzell:

SUBJECT: POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS) PROJECT UPDATE AND  
CONCERNING A SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
(SCDHS) REQUEST

Brookhaven Science Associates and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Brookhaven Site Office continue to work collaboratively and voluntarily with representatives of the Interagency Agreement (IAG) and SCDHS to investigate the extent of PFAS on the Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) site. We will soon complete our Phase 2 characterization effort and circulate our Phase 3 work plan for your review and comment.

As you heard during the recent IAG call, SCDHS made a verbal request that DOE provide funding for the sampling of approximately 97 private drinking water wells not on the BNL site. As a Federal Agency-funded facility, BNL's costs are guided by Federal appropriations law and regulations. As such, DOE would need to evaluate the SCDHS's request to ensure that testing private wells beyond the parameters of the original 1992 IAG is within the scope of the Federal activities at BNL and that the costs could be authorized for expenditure under DOE's current Federal appropriations. As stated on the November 1, 2018 IAG call, DOE will request that the SCDHS outline and detail its request in writing in order to facilitate DOE's ability to accurately evaluate its scope and basis.

Over the span of many years, DOE has valued and respected the collegial relationship among all representatives of the IAG. DOE remains committed to this functional, collaborative, and productive relationship. To that end, DOE will be reaching out to you in the weeks ahead to schedule face-to-face meetings to enable deeper discussions of ongoing issues.

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If you have any questions please contact Jerry Granzen, of my staff, at (631) 344-4089.

Sincerely,



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